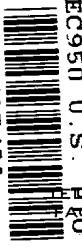


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Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 27-page patent specification with 63 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-8 on 10 sheets);
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Power of Attorney; and
- (4) Our check in the amount of the total filing fee (listed below).

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